

Application No. 10/025,665
Amendment dated December 29, 2003
Reply to Office Action of September 30, 2003

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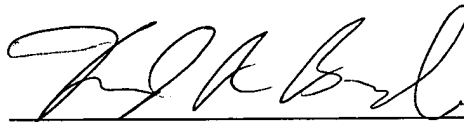
REMARKS

In the Office Action dated September 30, 2003, the Examiner objected to the disclosure for various informalities listed on page 2 of the Office Action.

By this amendment, the Applicants believe that the informalities have been corrected and respectfully request the withdrawal of the Examiner's objection. Applicant respectfully points out to the Examiner that the reference labeled "201" appearing in Figure 2 is described in the specification beginning page 6, lines 8-11.

Applicant's claims 1, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, 23, 24, 29, 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § as being anticipated by Schloemann. Additionally, claims 1-4, 13, 15-18 were rejected under 25 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Haertling et al. Through this amendment, Applicant's have cancelled the original claims without prejudice and have substituted therefore new claims 32 through 37, which Applicant believes are not subject to the Examiner's rejections. Specifically, Applicant's independent claim 32 includes limitations directed to a copper plated via and a ferromagnetic ring. These features are not shown in either the references cited by the Examiner. For at least this reason, it is believed that new claim 32 and the claims dependent thereon are allowable over the cited references and respectfully request the Examiner allow the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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